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- On 5 March 1953, vehicles observed at the buildings on Theaterplatz and Stalinring in Baden (O 49/X 37) included: sedan [redacted] with a civilian driver; jeep [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets; and sedans [redacted] and jeeps [redacted] and truck [redacted] most of the vehicles driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles seen at the former Flak Kaserne on the road to Soos (O 48/X 36) included: jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. About 45 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets armed with rifles were engaged in close-order drill at Helenentalhof. The installation was guarded by sentries with black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] with a driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets was parked in the yard of the installation at 98 to 100 Helenental which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets entered the yard of Doblhof Castle which was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles standing at the building on the intersection of Weilburg Strasse and Bauerhof Gasse included: jeeps [redacted] and sedans [redacted] and [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. About noon, truck [redacted] loaded with food containers and driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets entered the installation which was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets.¹

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- On 4 March, vehicles seen in the garages of the former automobile and aircraft engine factory on Gabrieler Strasse in Moedling (O 49/X 37) included 7 armored scout cars, while radio truck [redacted] and 6 other trucks [redacted] stood in front of the garages. Jeep [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were parked in front of the Hyrtl Orphanage.²

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- On 6 March, jeep [redacted] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the office on Hoven Gasse in Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). Truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets was parked in front of the barrier; the vehicle left the Prinz Eugen

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Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21) in the morning of the same day. Two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entered the kommandatura. They arrived from the direction of Vienna by sedan T 3-11-01 which was driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. The Albrechts Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. The installation was apparently vacant. No activities or vehicle traffic were observed. Six trucks were parked in the cantonment on the road to Leobendorf which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [] and [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets respectively were [] at the installation.³

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4. On 6 March, five trucks, but no weapons, were [] at the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. A major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and truck [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets left the installation. Two trucks and a tank truck, but no weapons, were [] in the yard of the Artillerie Kaserne which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were [] at the installation.

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5. On 2 March, 18 field grade officers with red-bordered black epaulets and 14 field grade officers with black-bordered red epaulets, including 4 colonels, were [] at the officers' club in the former Stadtsaele in St. Poelten (O 49/W 38). Three soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with two crossed axes as branch of service insignia were [] at the Eugen Kaserne. A group of 27 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets were engaged in close-order drill at the Franz Josef Kaserne. The barrier at the Franz Josef Kaserne guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets was passed by sedan [] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets; and sedan [] and trucks [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and sedan [] were parked in front of the building on Werner Strasse.⁴

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6. Vehicles observed at Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) included: jeep [] and truck [] and [] trucks driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; []

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7. On 3 March, 37 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets left the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68) which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. The soldiers were equipped with rifles and went toward the Danube Meadows. Another group of eight soldiers led by a senior lieutenant with black-bordered black epaulets left the installation and marched to the same direction. They carried 4 tin containers and 4 tripods. A group of 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and with crossed gun barrels on the left sleeve returned to the Birago Kaserne. Two model ZIS-3 76-mm field guns and 5 trucks, [] were standing in the yard. Truck [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation.⁴

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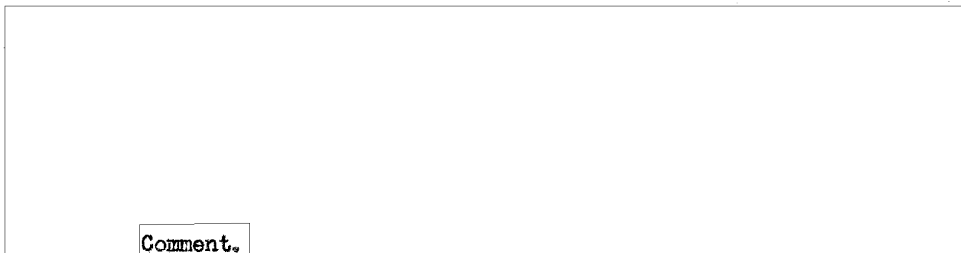
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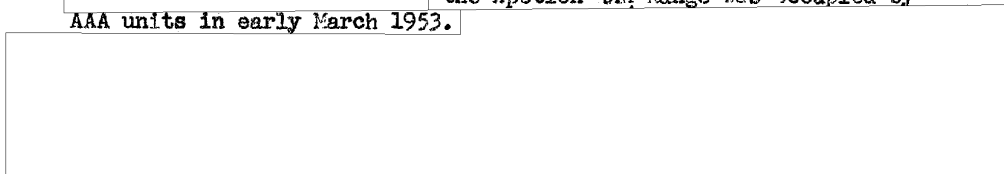


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contingents of the 23rd AAA Div were absent. They probably went to Apetlon for firing practices with live ammunition. the Apetlon AAA Range was occupied by AAA units in early March 1953.

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